



October 2022

**Chartiers
Township**

NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

On behalf of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors and Staff, we hope you enjoy the Fall/Winter 2022 newsletter and find it helpful. We have had some changes this year with some familiar faces in new rolls and some new faces we hope everyone gets to know. First, we congratulate Chief Steven Horvath on his promotion to Chief of the Chartiers Township Police Department. Many of you know Chief Horvath as he has served this community diligently for years in our Police Department. Next, we welcome our new Parks and Recreation Director, Brian Perry to our Township family! Brian comes to us with considerable parks and recreation experience and we look forward to not only continuing our successful programs, but broadening our offerings to residents with his guidance. Next, Joseph Rozsas was elected as the new Tax Collector for Chartiers Township and the Chartiers-Houston School District. Joe does not have a regular office but is holding office hours weekly in the Township building. His contact information is on your tax bill or our website should you have any questions for him. Finally, I would like to make sure everyone knows that

the Township has been giving evening office hours a trial run to better serve our residents. We recognized that so many of you are working during our office hours that we decided to offer evening hours on Tuesdays to allows those that work a time to access our services in the evening. We are open now Tuesdays until 7:00 pm to better serve you. We are also here Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 am - 4 pm and Fridays from 8 am - 12:30 pm. As we review whether or not to continue our evening office ours, we would like to hear from you if you have benefited from them or if feel that such evening hours would be beneficial to you in the future or if you prefer we return to traditional 8 am - 4 pm hours of operation. As we close out 2022 and look forward to all the great things happening in Chartiers Township in 2023, we invite you to get involved in our community. Meet your neighbors, take a class, visit our parks. You can often find out what's going on via our website: www.chartierstwp.com or Like our Facebook page for more up to date, current happenings.

Jodi Noble, Township Manager

Message From the Board

The Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month to discuss and vote on issues that affect the township and its residents. It is our pledge to keep the interests and welfare of our residents in the forefront of our decision making. We urge all of our residents to attend the meetings and observe the business of the township as it pertains to them and the public good. Ours is a small but vibrant, growing community and we are honored to oversee it.

Gary Friend, Chairman	Bronwyn Kolovich, Vice Chair	Frank Wise, Secretary
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Township Numbers

All Emergency Calls	9-1-1
Township Offices	724-745-3415
Police Department	724-745-8030
Parks and Recreation	724-485-2126 or 724-350-6581

Friends of the Police

The Friends of the Chartiers Township Police Department is a volunteer organization comprised of community members working together to support the Township Police.

We seek to:

- **Support** our officers, and coordinate programs and activities to strengthen positive bonds between officers and members of the community
- **Educate** our community about public safety and security issues through our presence at local events, and coordinate opportunities for our officers to meet with community groups and share their expertise
- **Equip** the department by raising funds for equipment, training, and technology upgrades not readily available through other means.

Police services are critical to community safety, quality of life, and economic success. The Township funds our

Police department, but rapidly changing technology, unforeseen training needs, and the rapid growth of our community make it difficult to anticipate all future costs. The Friends of CTPD intend to help fill any gaps by raising funds to ensure our officers have the equipment and support they need. If you are interested in supporting our efforts, you can donate via Venmo @friendsofctpd or by clicking the Donate button on our Facebook page.



Please consider getting involved! We need support, input, time, and talent from our neighbors. Contact us at friendsofctpd@gmail.com or 724.250.8345 and let's talk about how your skills, experience, and ideas can help us support our officers and our community!

The Friends of the Chartiers Township Police Department is a registered 501(c)(3) organization #87-1621755. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Chartiers Township Electronics Collection

What: Come recycle your old electronics!

When: Monday,
October 24, 2022

Where: Chartiers Township
Community Center Parking Lot

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Accepted:

Computer equipment

TV's (1 per car load)

Microwaves

Freon appliances (\$20 each for freon removal)

4 ft & 8 ft fluorescent tubes & CFL's (\$2 each)

Damaged or dismantled TV's (\$50 hazardous handling fee)

NOT Accepted:

Vacuum Cleaners

Carpet Scrubbers

Smoke Detectors

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

**THIS IS OPEN TO CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
RESIDENTS ONLY— MUST SHOW VALID ID
FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

A Message From the Chief of Police

On behalf of the Chartiers Township Police Department, I would like to welcome all our new residents and thank all of our current residents who have supported our police department over the years. My name is Steve Horvath and I recently, as of February, have received the honor of being promoted to be your new Chief of Police. I was born and raised in the township and attended and graduated from the Chartiers-Houston High School. My son Steven and my daughter Ashley also both graduated from CHHS. I played baseball for LaRoche University and after receiving my bachelor's degree from there, I attended the Allegheny County Police Academy and received my police certification. I was hired by Chief Eugene Oliver in 1992 where I started my police career with Chartiers Township and am happy to say that I will celebrate the start of my 31st year in February. I worked up through the ranks in the department holding positions of Sergeant, Sergeant Detective, Lieutenant, and now Chief. I was the department's first DARE officer for over the past 25 years. If you can't find me at work, you probably will find me supporting our school sporting events, school events, or community events. I believe in community policing and feel that our department does a wonderful job interacting with our community. I must say that I along with our officers are very proud of the continued letters, phone calls, and positive comments that we receive from our residents.

Our department consists of 13 sworn Officers, who continue to be cross trained in different areas and continue to attend classes so that we can give you the best service possible.

In addition to answering complaints, providing traffic details, and investigating crimes, our department offers other free services for our township as well. We offer the following service:

- **Drug Take Back Program:** Two times a year we take in unwanted, old, or unused medications so that they can be disposed of properly to avoid them being misused or abused. There is also a container located in the entrance of the main township building where you can drop off those medications anytime.
- **Vacation Check:** Residents can fill out a form and our officers will check your residence each shift while you are away and if any problems arise, they will contact you and your emergency designee.
- **DAR:** An officer attends the 6th grade at both the Allison Elementary School and the 5th grade at Central Christian Academy to instruct the students on the dangers of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, bullying, social media, etc. in this Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. The program also emphasizes how to make positive decisions and understanding consequences to your decisions. It is a great partnership with the schools, bringing students, parents, and the police department together.
- **Child Restraint System:** We have officers who are certified to properly install car and booster seats for children.
- **Fingerprinting:** Our officers can, at no cost to residents, fingerprint you for certifications that you need for a job or application. This does NOT include background checks for working with children.
- **Speakers:** Our officers are willing to come and speak with your organization and to answer questions that your group or organization might have.
- **Swift Reach:** This is a phone system that as residents you voluntarily sign up for. It allows us to call residents with emergency information such as evacuations, traffic problems, road closings, etc.

And in a final note, I just would like to recognize Chief James M. Horvath and Sgt. Harry Miller on their retirement from service of the CTPD. They were essential components of the infrastructure of our department and a big part of the success here at the department.

In closing, I just want to thank you all for your continued support and I encourage you to try and meet our officers any chance you get. Our office is open 24/7 and 365 days a year. Even during the COVID epidemic, our department remained open, and no patrols were ever missed. We appreciate those of you who show your support with the blue light on your residences and invite you to visit our Facebook page so that you can see some of the events our officers attended. We as a department we will continue to strive and bring you the best service we can.

Chief Steven Horvath



The Township has scheduled curbside Fall Leaf Collection for the following MONDAYS:

October 24th – October 31st – November 7th
November 14th (*November 21st if Needed*)

Please remember that the leaves **MUST** be in biodegradable bags! Non-biodegradable material in the bags will prevent the Township from being able to recycle the leaves through the composting site, so **PLEASE** make sure your bags contain leaves only.

Try to have your bags to the curb by the preceding Sunday evening to make sure they are out in time for Monday morning's collection. Contact the Township with any questions or post them as comment because others may have the same questions. **THANK YOU** for your cooperation in helping to make this program a success!!!!



Department of Public Works

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining 59 miles of township roads and streets over an area of 24.61 square miles. The Department performs paving, street maintenance and repair, snow removal, street sign replacement, storm sewer maintenance, leaf pickup, mowing along roads, and street sweeping with our crew of 7. All parks and recreational facilities are also maintained by the Department. In addition, the Public Works Department maintains and services its own equipment and all police vehicles.

The Public Works Department has an ambitious road program, which includes, upgrading, resurfacing, and patching township roads and streets. This program is based annually on priority and, needs and funding.

Remember to shovel to the right of your driveway facing the road, as plows clear from the left. This helps to reduce the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway during plowing. Throwing, shoveling, or plowing snow from sidewalks or driveway into the street is prohibited.

The Public Works Department would like to remind all residents to please slow down while traveling in work areas.

The Public Works Department hours are from 6:45 am - 2:45 pm Monday thru Friday and can be reached at 724-745-3415.

Edward Jeffries

Fire Department Fall 2022 Update

Greetings from your 100% Volunteer Fire Department.

This has been an extremely busy year for us. For the third year in a row, we will eclipse a new record number of emergency calls for service.

One of the highlights of this year has been an overhaul of our 1992 Ford F-350 Brush Truck entirely by our Members. This truck has only 14,500 miles on it and has a mechanically sound cab and chassis. The fire pump, on the other hand, was not able to pass its annual pump test.



Even though we only respond to a handful of brush fires each year, we felt that it was important to maintain this capability in our Department. As the pictures below show, we removed the pump and fire body from the chassis, replaced it with an aluminum flatbed and a brush skid unit. We're still in the process of finishing up the rebuild, but expect to have it complete by the first of October.

Our membership has rallied around this project and thanks to the expertise of our Engineers and the willingness of the rest of our group, we have shown that we continue to be good stewards

of the funds entrusted us by you from our Annual Fund Drive. This project has a total cost of less than \$31,000, but a complete replacement of the truck, including cab and chassis would have been in excess of \$100,000.

The sequence of pictures to the right follows the truck through its transformation to where it is today.

As always, thank you for your support in our Fund Drive. Projects such as this would not be possible without your help.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a member, just stop by our station when you see us there. We'd be glad to give you all the details and requirements.

Remember, when you change your clocks, change your smoke alarm batteries!

Stay Safe,

Fred Simpson, Fire Chief

Chartiers Twp.

Volunteer Fire Department



You're Invited to a

Veterans Day Breakfast

Hosted by Chartiers Township Parks and Recreation
Range Resources

Catered by Catering Creations by Agostinelli

9:00am-10:00am

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Chartiers Township Community Center
2013 Community Center Drive
Houston, Pa 15342

RSVP by October 27

Email parks@chartierstwp.com

Phone 724-485-2126



Get regular updates!
Like us on FACEBOOK at
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Pavilion Rentals

2023 pavilion rentals at **Arnold Park** and **Allison Parkette** will begin **January 3, 2023**! Rentals are available on a first come, first serve basis and full payment & contract required for finalized bookings.

Chartiers Township Community Center

Plan your special events with us!

www.chartierstwp.com/community-center



Banquet Hall – Seats up to 200

Activity Room – Seats up to 25

Conference Room – Seats up to 10

Get in touch with us to learn more:

724-485-2126

parks@chartierstwp.com

A Message from the Director of Parks and Recreation

For someone who is new to Chartiers Township it has been an exciting couple months learning about the community and the Parks and Recreation Department.

As the director of Parks and Recreation my goal is to create new recreational opportunities for our residents to enjoy as well as improve, grow, and develop current programs, activities, and events.

I lean on the numerous people who volunteer their time to serve

our community. I lean on groups like the Parks and Recreation Board, Friends of the Park, as well as the churches and organizations that have been the foundation of this community for years.

Again I am excited to have the challenge of providing Chartiers Township with safe and fun recreation for residents of all ages and abilities. I look forward to seeing the growth that is made from the partnerships and relationships that have been growing over the past several months

Brian Perry, Director of Parks and Recreation

Future Parks and Recreation Programming

Are you a fitness instructor looking for a new location to hold classes? Do you run workshops or classes and would like to expand and offer new classes? Chartiers Township Parks & Recreation is looking to offer new programs, classes, activities and events. We are looking for youth, teen, adult, senior, family programs, Educational classes, group fitness, workshops and training sessions. If you are interested in offering programming through our department please call or email us with the number or address listed below.

Friends of the Park

The Friends of Chartiers Township Community Parks is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. The purpose of the Friends group is to raise funds for the purchase, improvement, construction of buildings and other recreational facilities and maintenance of public parks in Chartiers Township. If you would like to be involved with this group, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at the phone and email listed below.



HALLOWEEN

TRUNK OR TREAT



THURSDAY OCTOBER 27TH

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Car Set Up

4:00 - 5:00

Prizes will be given away for
Most Scary
Most Original
Cutest

EMAIL PARKS@CHARTIERSTWP.COM FOR MORE INFO

Chartiers-Houston Community Library is more than just books...

October

10/8 @7pm - Star Party! with Amateur Astronomers Association
10/10 4-7pm - Pre-teen/Teen Blacklight Bingo
10/13 4-7pm - Grownups Craft Night
10/18 @5:30pm - Book Club Meets
10/20 @5:30pm - Bigfoot Presentation!
10/25 4-7pm - Family Fall-o-ween Celebration!

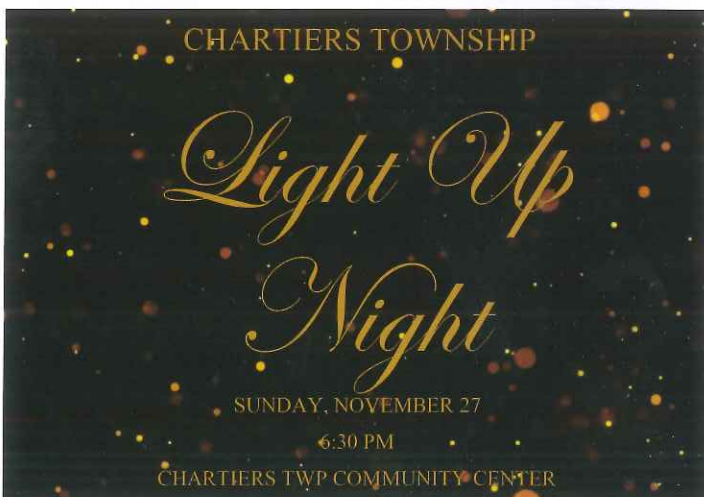
**Storytimes are held each Thursday at 11:30am before our building opens to the public. Memorable Mondays - kits are available each Monday 12-7pm. Call for more details!*

Watch for more information about our annual Holidays Around the World for December 2022.

All of our programs are FREE!

Parks and Recreation Board

The Charters Township Recreation board is a committee of ten members that reside in the Chartiers Township community. These members volunteer their time in the planning and orchestrating of various recreational events that take place throughout the year. The members serve a five year term with the option of extending. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Chartiers Township Community Center. The annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Parkette, as well as Chartiers Township Community Day are just two of the many events the recreation board put on for the community. The programs and events they offer are intended to meet the leisure of all age groups.



Community Center Recreation Classes

Line Dancing

Who: Ages 16 & up

What: A chance to learn or practice fun dance steps that don't need a partner. Line dance to Latin, Country, Oldies, and Contemporary music!

When: Wednesdays Open Class, 6 pm - 7 pm

Where: CTCC Banquet Hall

Cost: \$8



Yoga

Who: Ages 16 & over

What: Whether you are brand-new to yoga, returning after a break, or just wanting to brush up on fundamentals, this class will leave you feeling destressed and refreshed. Bring a mat, towel, and water.

When: Tuesdays, 10:15 am & Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$5



Zumba

Who: Adults 18 & older

What: Dance program involving dance and aerobic movements incorporating hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo rhythms.

When: Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Thursdays, 5:30 pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$5



CPR/First Aid Certification Course

What: Get certified to save lives! Certification is for adult and pediatric CPR, AED, and basic first aid.

When: Saturday, October 15, 9 am - 12 pm

Where: CTCC Conference Room

Cost: \$60 per person



American
Heart
Association.

American Heart Association Certified Instructor
Advance Registration Requested to www.healthcarecons.com

TGA Premier Golf Program

Who: Ages 6-14

What: This program is ideal for all players from beginners to experienced junior golfers and is designed to refine skill, achieve success, promote discovery through play and provide a pathway to keep playing!

When: Tuesdays, October 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 15 @ 6:45 pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$135



Chartiers Township Parks & Recreation

parks@chartierstwp.com

724-485-2126

Senior Citizen Programs

Join the Chartiers-Houston Senior Citizens

Monthly Lunches

What: Senior Group Meeting & Luncheon

When: October 18, 11:00 am
November 15, 11:00 am
December 13, 11:00 am

Where: Sr Room

Cost: \$10

Please RSVP at least 1 week in advance!

Crafters

What: All welcome! Take some time to socialize and practice your craft.

When: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 12:30 pm

Game Day

What: Dominos, Card Games, and more.

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1:00 pm

Bingo

When: Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30 am

Cost: \$0.25 a Card

TOPS

What: "Hands On, Pounds Off, Weight Loss Approach."

When: Wednesdays, 5:00 pm

Where: Sr Room